

LAST EDITION. GOTHAM OR FRISCO?

Anything to Beat Chicago the Cry of the Democrats.

New Yorkers Want It, but are Friendly to California.

Richard Croker Bids President and Mrs. Cleveland Good-Bye as They Start on Their Trip to Florida—The Men from the Golden State Have Been Doing Some Excellent Missionary Work and Claim that They Have 24 Votes, Which Would Give Them the Convention.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—With the arrival of a dozen or more New Yorkers at the Arlington headquarters of the Empire State delegation has taken a livelier aspect. Richard Croker and several of the Tammany braves rose early this morning and spent an hour or so in conference, arranging the plan of the campaign.

Later Mr. Croker slipped away quietly, and taking a cab for the Baltimore and Potomac depot, arrived in time to shake hands with the President and Mrs. Cleveland before the special train pulled out on its journey to Florida.

New York stock is rising this morning, but the formidable rivalry of San Francisco is generally recognized.

As a result of this state of affairs a tacit understanding has been effected under which New York will throw her entire strength for the Golden Gate if the delegation shall determine that the convention cannot be taken to the metropolis.

"It is anything to beat Chicago," said Mr. Croker this morning. "There is nothing to be gained by going there, and much that may be lost."

The San Francisco people are jubilant. They have been "laying pipe" for several months, but the result of their thorough missionary work is surprising even to them.

At noon to-day they claim 24 votes, enough to secure the convention on the first ballot.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The train with the Presidential party on board left the city for the Pennsylvania and Atlantic coast lines at 11.45 this morning, bound for Jacksonville, Fla., where the President will formally announce the opening of the Sub-Tropical Exposition.

The train will stop at Savannah to allow the party to take a drive through the city.

The party consists of President and Mrs. Cleveland, Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, Col. and Mrs. D. S. Lamont, Sinclair, the President's valet, and Mrs. Cleveland's maid.

JENNIE OSBORNE'S FRIEND.

Charles LaRue Left Danbury, Conn., Yesterday for Paris Unknown.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
DANBURY, Conn., Feb. 21.—Charles LaRue, alias George Haskell, mentioned in the despatches from Easton, Pa., in this morning's papers as the friend of wayward Jennie Osborne, is proprietor of one of the leading jewelry establishments on Main street.

He left here yesterday, ostensibly to visit his wife, who is sick in New Haven, leaving word that he would be back this morning, but as yet he has failed to materialize, and no information as to his whereabouts can be had at his store.

Miss Osborne first met him while here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Charles M. Stevens, of No. 7 Ellsworth avenue, last September.

Miss Osborne knew him as Haskell until she pointed him out to Mrs. Stevens one day, and she at once recognized him as Mr. LaRue.

Mrs. Stevens states that he was very attentive to Jennie while she was here and gave her several costly presents.

GRAFF, BENNETT & CO. HAVE FAILED.

A Break in the Natural Gas Stock Market—Assets \$900,000, Liabilities Unknown.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
PITTSBURGH, Feb. 21.—Graff, Bennett & Co., iron manufacturers, have filed a declaration of assignment to P. H. Miller. The failure was unexpected and the report broke the natural gas stock market 1-16 to 1/8 per cent.

The firm failed in 1883, but was granted an extension, and since that time has paid two-thirds of its liabilities.

The present failure was caused by too great an extension of plant. Assets, \$900,000; liabilities unknown.

Where Surgeons Disagree.

Frederick Spitz, a frame manufacturer, of 83 East Broadway, was charged, at the Essex Market Court to-day, with being concerned in a case of malpractice, of which Henrietta Swimmer was the patient. His counsel denied the charge and said that while an ambulance surgeon of Bellevue said that there had been malpractice, House-surgeon Clark Wright said there had not. Spitz was temporarily held. If there has been malpractice Justice Patterson will issue warrants against a physician and a midwife.

Killed Himself in Central Park.

Conrad Murker, aged forty-five years, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .38-caliber revolver in Central Park opposite Sixty-eighth street to-day. His body was removed to the Arsenal.

Condemning the Evictions.

The members of Progressive Painters' Union No. 1 have condemned the eviction of the tenants of Jacoby & Bookman and Korb & Spies, and have agreed to make only union-made signs.

TELLING OF CASHIER BARRON'S MURDER.

Second Day of the Trial of Stain and Cromwell at Bangor.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
BANGOR, Me., Feb. 21.—The forenoon of the second day's trial of Stain and Cromwell for the mysterious murder of Treasurer Barron, of the Dexter Savings Bank, was occupied by witnesses, who told of the finding of the dead man in the vaults of the bank.

The court-room was crowded as it was yesterday, and many were unable to gain admission.



DAVE STAIN.

The prisoners listened with painfully acute attention.

The government is spending a great deal of time in showing in detail the finding of the body of Mr. Barron, as it is understood that the defense will make a frantic attempt to show that the treasurer committed suicide and no murder was done at all.

Fourteen of the Dexter Bank officials have been summoned by Stain and Cromwell and they will try to get the prisoners acquitted.

If this is attempted the government will call many old and prominent bankers in Maine to show the suspicious dealings of the Dexter Bank people and make apparent the reason why they are anxious not to have the prisoners convicted.

STRIKE AT THE PUBLIC STORES.

Freight-Handlers Quit Work to Settle a Question of Overtime.

Barrels, boxes and bales of merchandise are piled high about the United States public stores in Washington street this morning, the handlers having struck about a question of overtime.

Last November overtime was abolished and the men were divided into two gangs, each to relieve the other. The change has not been satisfactory to the men.

On Saturday last one gang were kept at work until 1 a. m. on Sunday and then were asked to report again at Monday noon. This the men would not do, and a strike was declared. They all left in a body to-day, and have sent a committee, consisting of Michael Murphy, Patrick Connors and John Foley, to Collector Magone to state their side of the question.

A notice signed by Collector Magone to the effect that all men who worked up to 4 p. m. yesterday would be reinstated upon application was ridiculed by the men to-day.

The work at the stores is about five days behind.

MARBLE-WORKERS ON STRIKE.

Ordered Out to Help Their Locked-Out Brethren in Boston.

Seventy-five union marble-workers employed by Buttersea & Isely, in Eleventh avenue, are on strike to-day because the firm is using material received from James W. Tutts and the Puffer Manufacturing Company, of Boston. The strike was ordered by the Marble Workers' Union to aid their locked-out Boston brethren.

A delegation of the latter are in this city. There are between six hundred and seven hundred hands locked out in Boston because the Marble Workers' Union refused to work for them. Boston marble-cutters received an average wage of \$15.07 a week, and polishers, rubbers and gangmen got \$10.43.

These figures are from 30 to 40 per cent. less than the similar workers in this city obtain for fifty-four hours work in a week. The Boston manufacturers are thus enabled to do work cheaper than New York firms.

News About the Workers.

The reception and ball of the Gotham Knifecutters Association will be given in Arlington Hall on Saturday night.

William W. Klingenberg, of the Custom Tailors' Union, occupied the chair at the meeting of the Clothing Trades Section of the Central Labor Union last night.

A committee appointed to confer with the clothing-cutters on the subject of representation in the Clothing Trades Section will report in two weeks.

The Gotham Knifecutters Association announced that it will aid the Furriers Association of Cutters and Grinders by giving their work to its members.

The master of reinstating the New York Labor Union has been notified that unless he attends the meetings of that body his office will be declared vacant and a successor elected.

The Shoe-workers' Protective Union reports trade and organization progressing. Its members will organize the employees of two of the largest shoe factories in the city, and also take steps to organize the shoe-workers of Washington, N. Y.

The Secretary of the Clothing Trades Section has been instructed to send to the Central Labor Union all the documents and correspondence relating to the difficulty between the Washington Association of Shoemakers and the Shoe-workers' Protective Union.

The Washington Association protested against the admission of delegates of the shoe-workers' union to the Clothing Trades Section.

Following is a list of the names of the committee of the Central Labor Union having charge of the entertainments in aid of the striking miners: Patrick Donohue, William M. Forbes and George McVey. Talent has been volunteered from Mr. Foster's company. Other professionals will take part in the concert.

Emil Paul in Court.

Emil Paul, proprietor of the Gridiron, 470 Sixth avenue, was arrested at 1.30 o'clock this morning, was arraigned in Special Sessions this morning on a charge of shoplifting in Ridley's. Her lawyer pleaded that she was insane.

A Queer Idea of Marriage.

Leola Under was arraigned in Special Sessions this morning on a charge of shoplifting in Ridley's. Her lawyer pleaded that she was insane.

HAS JOSEF BROKEN DOWN?

DOCTORS SAY THAT HE IS STRONG AND HEALTHY.

Manager Schoeffel Says That the Elder Hofmann Has Been Bought Off and Wants to Manage the Boy Himself—Mr. Abbey's Profile Allowed to be \$135,000, but Mr. Schoeffel Says They Are Small.

Prof. Lambert's parlor, at 125 East Twenty-seventh street, is at once the playground and reception-room for little Josef Hofmann, the musical prodigy. The walls and mantle and the top of the grand piano are covered with fine photographs of great lights of the literary world, who have sent him as tributes to a fellow-genius, and bric-a-brac around in heedless profusion.

When an EVENING WORLD reporter was ushered into this room at 9 o'clock this morning, its only occupant was the little wonder himself.

Josef was looking at a large photograph of his friend, Mme. Modjeska, on which he had just written a few bars of music and his autograph.

Having placed the picture on the mantle and surveyed it admiringly, he shook hands with the reporter and wished him good-morning. He was dressed in the same black Knickerbocker suit and black silk stockings, made so familiar in his pictures by Sarony, and looked cheerful and happy.

He showed the reporter an autograph he had just received from Teresina Tua, and then amused himself by firing paper shots about the room from a catapult made of elastic bands.

Having ascertained by inquiry that the reporter did not speak French, he answered questions in German.

"I feel a pretty well, but I'm tired," he said. "Don't you want to play any more?"

"No, I would like to have a long rest—a very long rest. Then I want to go to school and study music and harmony."

"Then you don't want to be with Abbey any more?"

"No, Mr. Abbey has taken all my clothes and nearly all my toys. He took my handkerchiefs and my nightgown, and I had to borrow a handkerchief from Mr. Sternberger."

At this point Mr. Casimir Hofmann entered the room. He said very earnestly that he was quite determined not to recede from the position taken in his letter to Mr. Abbey Saturday night.

"I got a notice to be at the Windsor Hotel at 10.30 this morning, so that my boy could go to Wooster to play, but I shall pay no attention to it. The boy is not well enough. He has been ill and he won't work. He is surely broken down. Mr. Abbey is only looking for money. I am a father and my boy's life is more to me than anything."

Mr. Abbey owes me \$1,400 for the last four weeks. He ought to have paid me a week ago. The public do not know how little I received and how great has been Mr. Abbey's profit.

From fifty-two concerts given, and the net profit on each was \$3,000. That is over \$150,000. Out of that I received only \$15,000, of which I had to pay my agents. I make this statement as an impartial witness. From the fifty-two concerts \$8,000.

"My motives in refusing to let Josef play are above question. If I had given my consent when the Mayor made the inquiry three weeks ago, my boy would have been stopped from playing then. But I thought he was well and I said so."

"Now I know he cannot stand the strain. When he came home from one of the concerts last week he threw himself in his mother's arms and burst into tears, saying the work tired him very much."

He said he was not afraid of the issue of the suit. He and the boy would stay in the city till the matter was settled. He had no idea of running away.

The conclusion arrived at by Drs. Louis A. Sargent, Anton Flint and Allan McLean Hamilton, as a result of an examination of the boy held at 285 Fifth avenue last evening, is that little Josef is as well as he ever was.

The conclusion arrived at by an English reporter this morning. He said: "Josef Hofmann is a healthy, strong and sturdy boy. He has positively no organic disease. His heart, liver, kidneys, bladder and lungs are all right."

"His legs and arms are as strong as a man's. He weighs seven pounds more than he did when he began his series of concerts. I make this statement as an impartial witness. I like the boy and take a great interest in him."

"I can't understand Mr. Hofmann's present position if what he says now is true. He must have lied to me formerly. He used to say the boy took to the piano as a bee to a flower or a bird to the air; that the concerts tired him, and that he was not fit to play. Now he says he is as well as he ever was. That he would be sick if he was prevented from playing."

"He talks of the boy being overworked, but the fact is it was he himself who arranged the programmes and decided how frequently the concerts should be held."

"Mr. Abbey and I often urged him to be more careful, but he said the boy was all right."

The doctors will make a formal report to Mr. Abbey this evening.

Mr. Schoeffel, of Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau, who has been acting as intermediary between Mr. Abbey and the doctors, said that Mr. Abbey had refused to pay the Windsor Hotel bills.

"We hesitated to pay them until we had levied the attachment, but we shall pay them now. There is only one week's board owing, anyhow."

"The \$1,400 which Mr. Hofmann says we owe him for the last four concerts is not due until the end of the month. It is payable, not to Mr. Hofmann, but to Mr. Wolff."

"The statement of Mr. Hofmann that Mr. Abbey netted \$3,000 profit from each concert is absurd. The gross receipts averaged only \$2,700 or \$2,800."

"Besides Mr. Hofmann's share of that we had to pay the board, wine and carriage bills of the whole Hofmann family and their friends. Besides railway expenses, special cars, advertising and the salaries of advance and other agents."

"I know," continued Mr. Schoeffel, "that this is a pickup job. Mr. Hofmann has been bought off. He has got his eye on that \$50,000 which Mr. Bonner or some other rich gentleman has offered him."

"He is very careful and even penurious in money matters, and he would not throw up this concert unless he had other money in prospect."

Our profit was a question of the future. So far we have paid out as much as we have received. It is very likely that Mr. Hofmann wants to manage the boy himself and take the whole receipts. I am sure that if the boy had his own way he would go playing special cars, advertising and the salaries of advance and other agents."

"That boy is as strong as an ox. Mr. Edmund C. Stanton, of the Metropolitan Opera House, is something of an athlete, but Josef threw up his arms and broke easily from his grasp."

FRESHET AT NEW BRUNSWICK.

Piers Covered, Cellars Flooded and Factory Fires Extinguished.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 21.—There is a freshet in the Raritan River, and the piers and lowlands north and south of the city are submerged.

The ice broke up at an early hour with a terrific roar, and as the big cakes floated down and were jammed in the bends below the city the back rush flooded the piers, submerged the lock gates and canal tow-path and carried great cakes of ice upon the wharves, and jammed them with injurious effect against frame structures.

Every cellar along Burnett street was filled. The highest point was reached by the water at 5 a. m., when it stood three feet above high-water mark on the wharves. Fires were extinguished in several factory furnaces, and manufacturers along the canal front were compelled to shut down.

The submerged telephone wires between this city and Bound Brook and Plainfield were injured by the ice.

Dock owners anticipated the freshet and saved considerable perishable stock.

MOUNT VERNON'S SUFFERERS.

Plenty of Food and Clothing But a Scarcity of Cash Contributions.

(SPECIAL TO THE WORLD.)
MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Feb. 21.—The citizens' committee have arranged to have forwarded from Evansville immediately a sufficient number of tents for the use of families rendered homeless by the cyclone.

The Airline and the Louisville and Nashville have made special arrangements to transport those who may choose to go to friends and relations in neighboring towns.

Gov. Oglesby is debating upon the advisability of issuing a proclamation calling for aid.

There is plenty of clothing and food on hand, and the children of Mount Vernon have come forward in an open-handed manner with substantial contributions. Money contributions are all that is needed to shelter the homeless and allay the sufferings of the wounded.

IT MAY BE A CIRCUS.

The Republicans May Have Some Fun at Their Meeting To-Night.

The Republican County Committee will meet to-night in Grand Opera-House Hall. There may be some fun, and possibly a circus over an amendment to the constitution proposed to abolish the prohibition.

Leroy B. Crane, who has been carrying on an unsuccessful war against Frank Raymond in the Twenty-third District, says that the amendment has been proposed in Raymond's interest, as he is one of the clerks of the City Court, which now has six Democratic judges, and a single Republican justice. The friends of Frank Raymond are calling Leroy B. Crane a crank, and are ridiculing his assertion.

Crane insists that Raymond is being retained in the City Court by a deal which he was a party to at the last election.

Mr. Raymond denies that he has been retained to office. "I am here," he remarks, "because I have not been re-elected."

A MODERN COLOMBO'S DISCOVERY.

If You Held Blasting Primers Over a Fire They Generally Explode.

Nicolo Colombo, an Italian ragpicker, who lives with his wife and two children and 125 other Italians in the rear tenement at 65 Mulberry street, nearly blew himself into eternity at 11.30 this morning and then was arrested for it.

He says he found ten bunches of blasting primers in Jersey City and did not know what they were. The latter part of his story is easy to believe, for the copper wire with which the fuses were made tempted him, and he tried to burn off the linen twine covering the explosive which he built in the sixteen feet square yard.

John Lesali and eleven other Italians were interested in the operation till the first bunch of fifty primers exploded and tore out a window under which Colombo was working. They polka-dotted Colombo all over with lacerated wounds and tore his clothing off.

Lesali was wounded under the left eye and on the neck and side. He complained at the Elizabeth street station, and Detectives Christol and Young arrested Colombo, who was hidden in a room on the third floor.

THE DAY IN WALL STREET.

Richmond Terminal Jumps and Carries the Market Along.

The stock market showed a drooping tendency this morning until Richmond Terminal suddenly took an upward start. The preferred jumped 3 points and the common over a point. The rest of the market followed and the day was a much disposition to trade, as business will be suspended at all the exchanges to-morrow.

Col. Bliss of Nashville has authorized the issue of \$5,000,000 new stock, part of which will be used in payment of the scrip dividend recommended by the directors at their January meeting.

Money 3 1/2 per cent. on call.

THE QUOTATIONS.

	Open.	High.	Low.
Canadian Pacific	63 1/2	64 1/2	63 1/2
Chicago & North Western	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Illinois Central	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Missouri Pacific	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
St. Paul & Northern Pacific	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Union Pacific	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Western Union	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Express	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Tobacco	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Sugar	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Cotton	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Lumber	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Oil	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Coal	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Iron	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Steel	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Glass	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Paper	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Rubber	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Leather	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Hosiery	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Textiles	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2
Am. Miscellaneous	100 1/2	101 1/2	100 1/2

Fire in Christopher Street.

Fire at 10 Christopher street at 11 o'clock this morning caused a loss of \$2,000. E. E. Smith, carpenter, lost goods and Lawrence Kelly, feed dealer, \$200. The building was damaged to the amount of \$1,000.

Could Not Account for the Band.

In the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning John Murray was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of having in his possession a bundle of stolen clothing. He could not account for the bundle.

HAPPY BE THE DREAMS BECAUSE A realistic fact after smoking TURKISH CROSS-CUT CIGARETTES.

UNDER HOT FIRE.

A Sugar Baron Squirming on the Rack.

Persistent Efforts to Preserve the Secrets of the Trust.

H. O. Havemeyer Denies That He Was Scolded for His Testimony Yesterday—No Papers, He Says, to be Concealed—Col. Bliss Shows the Absurdity of Some of the Statements—Will an Effort be Made to Commit Lawyer Parsons for Refusing to Answer?

The baiting of the Sugar Trust bull was continued this morning in the arena selected yesterday, the room of Part II, of the Superior Court.

The bull had been made only more defiant by the sharp darts which had pierced its thick hide yesterday, and was in a splendid condition for a brilliant attack by Toreador Bliss.

Seven goblets of water and cracked ice were ranged in a row on the judge's desk.

"This is very suggestive," remarked Senator Coggshall, as the display caught his eye. "That's not the regular Albany tippie, and I generally drink my water hot as a cure for dyspepsia."

Yesterday's investigation had failed to secure the production of the original trust agreement. Henry O. Havemeyer refused to produce it, because Lawyer John E. Parsons had it in his possession, and the latter avoiding its production by shuffling himself with the question of professional privilege.

Mr. Parsons challenged his commitment for contempt and Col. Bliss when asked this morning to change the charge was accepted, smiled significantly and remarked that the developments of the case would answer that question.

Henry O. Havemeyer was recalled to the stand this morning, and Col. Bliss began to work the pump.

Q. What proportion of the shares of the trust was owned by the stockholders in the refinery that was burned? That is a purely private matter, and, under instruction of counsel, I refuse to answer.

Senator Arnold—The committee direct Mr. Havemeyer to answer.

The witness—for the reasons stated I respectfully refuse.

The witness said that there were no formal meetings of the Trust Board. The active officers of the several corporations interested owned about two-thirds of the stock, and they met every day in committee.

Q. When they "feel" of each other? A. When they feel the sense of the meeting.

Q. What certificate holders, not a member of the Board, present at any meeting, and what company was taken into the trust? A. That I consider a private matter and will not answer unless the committee direct me to do so.

The committee directed an answer, and Mr. Havemeyer mentioned the name of Counsellor John H. Dos Passos.

Mr. Havemeyer here interposed with the proposition that the certificate-holders, and not the Board of Trustees, controlled the trust.

Col. Bliss—That's what you say now. You did not say so yesterday. The witness—I deny that.

Q. Have you not been remonstrated with with reference to your testimony yesterday? A. No sir.

Q. Did not Theodore Havemeyer tell you in this morning's paper that you had given the whole thing away? A. That is preposterous, and you know it.

Mr. Parsons (to voice)—The ears of eavesdroppers are sometimes too long.

This question of Col. Bliss's created a stir on the side of the opposition. Theodore Havemeyer rose to protest. The few hairs on Mr. Dos Passos's head stood up with an air of defiance, and Mr. Parsons's frozen smile disappeared.

Mr. Havemeyer stated that there is no way to control the sugar market. If we could we probably would. We do the best we can to make money for ourselves in our own country.

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